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25X1 11. [] 25X1A Received a call from []
WH Division, who learned from the Cuban coordinator, Department of State,
today that the Swiss consulate in Cuba has advised that [] 25X1A
about whom Pat Holt of Senate Foreign Relations Committee has been inquiring,
was arrested by the Cuban government on 9 February on a charge of espionage.
Two trips in June 1970 and May 1971 to Cuba were cited in the charges. See
Journals of 28 February and 16 March 1972.

25X1 12. [] Called Libby Reynolds, in the office of
Representative Jack Kemp (R., N. Y.), and gave her the dates of April 12, 13,
18 or 20 for a breakfast-briefing at Headquarters for Representative Kemp and
a half dozen or so of his colleagues. (See Journal of 16 March 1972.) She will
be back in touch.

25X1 13. [] 25X1A Spoke with [] FE Division,
25X1A and [] Office of Logistics, concerning the new requirements on excess
defense articles imposed by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971 as cited to the
Comptroller General by Senator Case in which staff members of our committees
have shown an interest. We will be furnished with the relevant information when
it is drawn together.

25X1A 14. [] Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal
25X1A Security Subcommittee, called to express the Subcommittee's interest in
[] on a standard if, as, and when
available basis. After the request had been relayed to [] 25X1A
[] advised that today's Reuter wire item was in error and that
25X1 [] had not defected but had been apprehended and espionage charges
have been filed against him. Mr. Sourwine was advised.

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Mr. Houston

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1. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and left with him a copy of the Agency budget book for Fiscal Year 1973. He asked about the "horseblanket" which he said was actually more useful to him than the budget book and I told him this would be forthcoming soon.

Brought Woodruff up-to-date on a number of current intelligence items. See Memorandum for the Record.

Woodruff said Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, had mentioned to him that he and Senator Stennis were seriously considering the desirability of [] handled by State rather than DOD. When Woodruff commented this was fine from their standpoint since it would take the whole thing out of the Defense budget, Braswell realized this would then put it in the Foreign Aid bill and began to have second thoughts about it.

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2. [] Met with Vince Rakestraw, in the office of Senator William B. Saxbe (R., Ohio), in response to the Senator's request for unclassified material on the Soviet threat. I told him we were not in a position to prepare any original unclassified material within the Agency but I provided him with two studies put out by the Institute for Strategic Studies, "Strategic Survey 1970" and "The Military Balance 1971-1972," along with a Reader's Digest article by Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine) on the subject. I also told him we were asking the FBIS people to see what they could come up with in the way of pronouncements by the Soviet's themselves as to what their intentions are. Rakestraw said he had seen one of the ISS documents but not the other. Neither had he seen the article by Senator Smith. He thanked me for this material and said he would be interested in what we come up with through the FBIS channel. I also mentioned the Secretary of Defense's posture statement as a source of information and he said he had already looked at that but found it too parochial for the Senator's purpose.

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5. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and told him that we had talked with the Director about his (Braswell's) desire to get together with someone from the Agency to talk about funding of irregulars in Laos from the standpoint of payments through DOD or State. I said that the Director had discussed this matter with Senator Stennis and there wasn't much more we could add to this side of the issue except that the Agency had been directed to carry on the program. Braswell said he was not trying to make matters difficult for us but that he was following up on the Chairman's instructions to him to proceed to get the Agency out of the irregular program and merely wanted to find out from us whether we would prefer to see the payments to the irregulars made by Defense or State. As we discussed the subject further Braswell indicated the Chairman's principal aim was to avoid the transfer of funds from DOD to CIA at the Washington level but added they would also like to get the Agency out of the business of handling the money altogether unless our people were somehow detailed to the department having the responsibility for funding.

In the strictest confidence Braswell showed me a copy which he had of Senator Symington's letter of 1 March 1972 transmitting the Moose/Lowenstein report to Chairman Fulbright. Braswell was particularly interested in that part of the letter which referred to the lack of oversight over the Agency by either the CIA Subcommittee or the full Senate Armed Services Committee and recommending that Fulbright assert jurisdiction under section 407 of the Foreign Aid Authorization bill of 1972 (P.L. 92-226). I reminded Braswell of the discussion which took place on the floor of the Senate when Senator Stennis offered an amendment to this section which limited Foreign Relations' jurisdiction to those matters "within the jurisdiction of the Committee" and Fulbright's statement at the time that he had no intention to use the provisions of this section in matters within the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee.

I returned to Braswell the Committee's copy of the testimony of Nutter, Seignious, Brazier, and Sullivan before the Committee on 7 March. I told him I had made a copy of the transcript for the Director's review and said the Director and the rest of us very much appreciated having access to this transcript.

I briefed Braswell on a number of current intelligence developments.
See Memorandum for the Record.

I talked briefly with Braswell about our interest in H.R. 9900, a bill which would amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide tax benefits for certain persons in a prisoner of war or missing status. This bill is pending before the Senate Finance Committee and Braswell suggested I talk with the Chief Counsel of that staff, Tom Vail.

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